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SUBJECT: CODEL ALBERT MEETING WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY MINIC

1. SUMMARY: DURING 90 MINUTE MEETING WITH CODEL ALBERT GROUP, FSFA SECRETARY MINIC RESPONDED TO CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONING BY DISCOURSING AT LENGTH ON YUGOSLAV VIEW THAT NO PEACE POSSIBLE IN MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT CREATION OF PALESTINE STATE. HE DECLINED TO GIVE ANSWER ON GOY POSITION TOWARD POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF US PEACE-KEEPING FORCE. MINIC ALSO BACKED AND FILLED ON RATIONALE FOR YUGOSLAV VOTE AGAINST ROK ADMISSION TO UN. UNDER TOUGH CONGRESSIONAL CROSS-EXAMINATION, FSFA SECRETARY TRIED TO DOWNPLAY UN COMMITTEE OF 24 RUCKUS OVER PUERTO RICO. CONGRESSMEN PRESENT HIT HARD ON US PUBLIC AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUPPORT FOR US POSITION TOWARD UN EXPRESSED IN SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH. MINIC COULD GIVE NO ANSWERS ON GOY IDEAS TOWARD CSCE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM. END SUMMARY

2. REPRESENTATIVE ZABLOCKI OPENDE MEETING INDICATING DEEP CONCERN OF US DELEGATION REGARDING ATTITUDES HELD AND POSITION BEING TAKEN BY THE GOY, PARTICULARLY AS EXPRESSED IN THE UN, ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, PORTUGAL AND SOUTH KOREA. HE REQUESTED MINIC'S VIEWS.

3. MINIC RESPONDED HE AGREED THERE WERE REASONS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST IN PARTICULAR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THEN WENT INTO A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT PRESIDENT

TITO HAD TOLD PRESIDENT FORD: NAMELY, THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS NOTHING AGAINST A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AS LONG AS THERE IS A SOLUTION REACHED. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE BELIEVED ACHIEVING DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP TOWARD GENUINE PEACE AND THAT SETTLEMENT OF TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA AND ALSO THAT PALESTINIAN QUESTION WERE NECESSARY TO AVOID THE DANGER OF WAR IN THE REGION. HE PUSHED ALSO FOR SETTING UP A NEW STAGE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THAT WOULD ADDRESS QUESTION OF GUARANTEES FOR ALL STATES IN MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING A PALESTINIAN STATE. HE MENTIONED THAT IF THE PALESTINE QUESTION WAS NOT SOLVED "THE CRISIS WILL SERVE THE EXTREMISTS ON BOTH THE ISRAELI AND ARAB SIDES."

4. MINIC WENT ON TO SAY THAT US COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A SETTLEMENT BY INFLUENCING ISRAEL TO UNDERSTAND "REAL SITUATION EXISTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST". HE SUMMARIZED (AGAIN) BY SAYING LASTING PEACE IN AREA NEEDED THREE ELEMENTS: (1) RETURN OF OCCUPIED AREAS; (2) SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION WITH THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE; AND (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF GUARANTEES FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT ISRAEL'S STRATEGY OF "DELAY" AND FELT US SHOULD PUSH ISRAEL TO ALTER THIS TACTIC.

5. MINIC EMPHASIZED THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE YUGOSLAVIA "BELONGS TO THE AREA IN PART OF THE DESTINY OF THE AREA" AND WILL BE DEEPLY AFFECTED BY RENEWED OUTBREAK OF WAR.

6. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI POSED THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE YUGOSLAV VIEW WOULD BE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF A US TECHNICAL MONITORING FORCE IF BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT REQUESTED IT. HE POSED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE COMPOSITION OF SUCH FORCE MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO YUGOSLAVIA IF OTHER NATION WERE INVOLVED IN IT.

7. MINIC REPLIED HE COULD NOT GIVE A "STRAIGHT
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ANSWER" BECAUSE MATTER HAD NOT BEEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL BY GOY. HE SAID THAT THIS TYPE OF QUESTION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN GENEVA AND AT THIS POINT INTERJECTED THAT THE ROSTER OF GENEVA PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE NON-ALIGNED STATES AND WEST EUROPEAN STATES WHO ALSO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THIS WAS NOT SOLELY GOY IDEA BUT SADAT AS WELL AS THE SYRIANS ALSO WELCOMED THIS.

HE STATED THAT "WE RECOGNIZE THE US AND THE USSR
OPPOSE THIS IDEA", AND SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT
INSIST ON IT IF A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM
WAS FORTHCOMING FROM CURRENT EFFORTS.

8. HE SAID QUESTION OF BORDER GUARANTEES SHOULD
DEPEND ON THE UN AND THAT DECISIONS MUST BE DEPENDENT
ON THE "DECISIONS OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES". HE SAID
IT WAS A MATTER OF ACHIEVING A PEACE FIRST AND THEN
SECONDLY THE GUARANTEES, BUT ADMITTED THE PROBLEM OF
PEACE AND GUARANTEES WAS A BIT OF A CHICKEN AND EGG
PROPOSITION.

9. HE RESTATED FOR THE THIRD TIME DURING DISCUSSION
THAT GOY HAD EXCELLENT AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
THE ARABS AND ASSURED THE CONGRESSMAN THAT ANY DELAY
IN SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM WOULD BE MOST DANGEROUS.
ADDITIONALLY, HE AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH HE
DID NOT KNOW HOW SERIOUS THE PROBLEM WAS VIEWED IN
THE US HE CONSIDERED IT MOST SERIOUS IN YUGOSLAV EYES
BECAUSE THEY "LIVE WITH THE PROBLEM EVERY DAY".

10. REPRESENTATIVE MICHEL ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION
OF THE GOY POSITION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF AN
AMERICAN PEACE FORCE AND WHETHER THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD
PREFER A MORE MULTILATERAL FORCE. MINIC CONTINUED
TO DUCK SPECIFICS AND SAID THAT MICHEL'S QUESTION WAS
QUOTE SO GENERAL UNQUOTE THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO
ANSWER AND SAID THAT ISSUE OF PREFERENCE OF COMPOSITION
AND NATURE OF PEACE KEEPING FORCES WAS A COMPLEX ONE.
HE ADMITTED THAT IF THE AIM OF FORCE IS NONINTERFERENCE
AND IF AGREEMENT ON A FORCE WAS THE RESULT OF BILATERAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE "PARTIES IN THE AREA," IT WOULD
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BE ACCEPTABLE.

1. REPRESENTATIVE MICHEL ASKED WHETHER THIS ATTITUDE
WAS AT THE BASE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOY AND US

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ON SOUTH KOREA. MINIC REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY SAYING IF UN FORCES WOULD LEAVE THEN THE TWO KOREAS COULD BE PEACEABLY REUNITED. HE SAID THIS WAS BASED NOT ONLY ON YUGOSLAVIA'S FEELINGS BUT ALSO THOSE OF NORTH KOREANS, WHOSE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD RECENTLY GIVEN HIM ASSURANCES OF NORTH KOREA'S DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND RELATIONS WITH THE SOUTH. HE EXPANDED BY SAYING THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE DESIROUS OF JOINING NON-ALIGNED AND WANT NORMALIZED RELATIONS WITH THE US. HE SAID NORTH KOREANS HAD ASSURED HIM THEY WERE EXAMINING THEIR RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AND IF THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA COULD BE ACHIEVED IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST STEP FOR STABILITY IN THE FAR EAST. MINIC OFFERED THAT THIS WOULD BE IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR JAPAN AND CHINA AS REGIONAL POWERS BUT ALSO OF IMPORTANCE TO THE US. HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD TOLD HIM THAT AS THEY HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO DEVELOP THEIR INDEPENDENT POLICY LINE THEY HAD HAD TO HOLD IN CHECK PRO-SOVIET AND PRO-CHINESE GROUPS IN NORTH KOREA. MINIC SAID IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT "FLOWERS ARE NOT BLOOMING" IN THE GARDEN OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA.

12. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI THEN ASKED WHY THE GOY HAD VOTED AGAINST SOUTH KOREA FOR UN ADMISSION. MINIC SAID THAT AS LONG AS SOUTH KOREA MAINTAINED ITS PRESENT POSITION GOY WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT ADMISSION.

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HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA HAD BEEN CONSISTENT ON THIS. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI THEN ASKED WHY ON THE BASIS THE US HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED TO OBJECT TOT EH ADMISSION OF THE GDR AND QUESTIONED MINIC ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL OF UNIVERSALITY. MINIC ANSWERED WITH A

LONG DISCOURSE ABOUT HOW THE KOREAS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN US ALLIES IN BOTH WORLD WARS WHEREAS THE WEST GERMANS HAD BEEN PART OF HITLER'S NAZIS AND HAD FOUGHT AGAINST THE ALLIES AND THAT FOR THIS REASON THE COMPARISON BETWEEN A DIVIDED KOREA AND A DIVIDED GERMANY WAS NOT APPROPRIATE. THE DISCUSSION THEN DRIFTED BACK AND FORTH ON THE POINT THAT THE GDR HAD ALSO FOUGHT AS PART OF HITLERIAN GERMANY BUT MINIC CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT THE COMPARISON OF GERMANY AND KOREA WAS INAPPROPRIATE.

13. CONGRESSMAN FOLEY HIT VERY HARD ON THE UN PUERTO RICO ACTION AND US ATTITUDES TOWARD SUPPORTING THE UN AND QUERIED MINIC ON THE YUGOSLAV POSITION. MINIC REPLIED TO CONGRESSMAN FOLEY'S POINT THAT ACTIONS LIKE THIS WOULD COMPROMISE US SUPPORT FOR THE UN BY SAYING HE AGREED US SUPPORT WAS VERY NECESSARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS. MINIC SAID THAT THE GOV WISHED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS IN THE UN AND TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. HE SAID HE WAS NOT HAPPY "WHEN DECISIONS ARE ADOPTED THAT ARE NOT REALISTIC AND CONTRIBUTE TO CONFRONTATION". BUT HE SAID THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WHERE EVENTS MOVE BEYOND YUGOSLAVIA'S CONTROL BECAUSE OF EMOTIONALISM AND EEP-SEATED CAUSES THAT OFTEN WERE THE UNDERLYING BASIS FOR SPECIFIC UN ACTION. HE USED THIS AS A BASIS FOR LAUNCHING INTO A DISCUSSION OF A JUSTIFICATION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S POSITION ON THE EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ON THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNESCO.

14. FINALLY, GETTING AROUND TO PUERTO RICO, HE SAID HE HAD REALLY NOTHING NEW TO ADD ON THE SITUATION BUT TOOK IT BACK TO THE IMMEDIATE POST-WAR SITUATION WHEN THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO UNDER THE UN WAS UNILATERALLY REMOVED, HE ASKED THE CONGRESSMEN TO "TRY TO UNDER-

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STAND THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS NOTHING AGAINST THE US ON THIS ISSUE".

15. HE WENT ON FROM THIS TO EXPAND ON THE WHOLE UN THEME AND DWELT ON THE UNJUST DECISIONS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE WEST AND THE US IN THE 1945-1965 PERIOD WHEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO MUSTER EAST MAJORITIES. HE DISCUSSED THE NEED NOT TO REPEAT SUCH "MISTAKES". AND SAID THAT THE NON-ALIGNED STATES DID NOT VOTE AS A BLOC BUT TRIED TO PUSH CERTAIN LINES OF "COMMON UNDERSTANDING". IN THIS REGARD HE SAID THAT THE UN SHOULD MOVE TO A CONSENSUS MECHANISM

OF VOTING. HE SAID THAT IT WAS THE POLICY OF YUGOSLAVIA TO TAKE MODERATE ACTIONS BUT THAT THERE WERE OTHER NON-ALIGNED WHO TOOK MORE EXTREME POSITIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR "DESPERATE SITUATION" AND HE SAID THAT THE US SHOULD LOOK MORE AT THE "ROOTS OF RADICALISM" THAN AT THE EXPRESSIONS IN THE UN.

16. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI INTERJECTED AT THIS POINT THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT IN AMERICA ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION TOWARD THE UN AS EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY OF STATE IN HIS MILWAUKEE ADDRESS. CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAs ASKED ABOUT WHETHER YUGOSLAVIA HAD SPECIFIC IDEAS FOR FOLLOWING UP AND IMPLEMENTING THE CSCE RESULTS. MINIC LAUNCHED INTO A LONG DISSERATION ABOUT THE FACT THAT 35 NATIONS HAD SIGNED THE FINAL ACT AND WERE READY TO IMPLEMENT IT. HE SAID THAT THE DECISION ITSELF TO MEET IN 1977 WAS "OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE". HE THEN SUMMARIZED THE FOLLOWING AS IMPORTANT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE PRINCIPLES : (1) MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION; (2) CYPRUS SOLUTION; (3) PROGRESS ON SALT II; (4) PROGRESS ON MBFR AND (5) PROGRESS ON WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT THESE WERE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI. HE BEGAN TO GIVE HIS OPINION ON HOW PROGRESS ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS WAS PROGRESSING WHEN CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAs INTERJECTED THAT HIS SPECIFIC QUESTION ON YUGOSLAV IDEAS ON THE MECHANISM OF IMPLEMENTATION HAD NOT BEEN ANSWERED. MINIC FINALLY REPLIED THAT THE ONLY MECHANISM THAT EXISTED

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WAS THE "FIXED DATE" THAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON; BUT THEN AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION, ALMOST IN PASSING, SAID THAT THE UN COULD ALSO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR FOLLOW-UP ON CSCE.
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